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FOR: TAXONOMIC IDENTIFICATION OF PATHOGENIC
MICROORGANISMS AND THEIR PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend Claim 73 as follows:

73. (Amended) A method for identification of a protein comprising:
- (a) exposing the solution containing microorganisms to conditions resulting in the rupture of the microorganism and spilling of the contents into the solution selected from the group comprising chemical treatment, holins, enzymatic treatment, freeze-thaw cycling, bacteriophage infection, plasma discharge and physical treatment;
 - (b) exposing a solution containing the protein analyte to a ligand specific for the analyte of interest that has been covalently tethered with a photostable